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For: PARKING LOCK RELEASING DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

The following are the pending claims in the application:

Sub 1. 1. A parking lock state releasing apparatus for a vehicle with a transmission control device, wherein the transmission control device has a shifting body and detects an operating state of the shifting body, wherein the transmission control device shifts a connecting state of a transmission based on the detection result, the apparatus comprising:

a releasing switch, which is located in a passenger compartment; and

a releasing means, wherein the releasing means generates gas by causing ignition in response to operation of the releasing switch and changes the parking lock state of the transmission to the release state using the pressure of the gas.

2. The parking lock state releasing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an actuation permitting means, wherein the actuation permitting means permits or prohibits actuation of the releasing means in response to the operation of the releasing switch.

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